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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby transmission means attaches image information corresponding to the current position detected by the detecting means to the electronic mail and transmits the electronic mail with the image information attached thereto.

In addition, claims 2, 7 and 12 have been amended to depend respectively from new claims 16, 18 and 21. Claims 2, 7 and 12 have also been amended to recite storing means for storing regional information specific to areas (or positions of the terminal), and claims 2 and 12 have been amended recite reading means for reading the regional information corresponding to an area including said current position (the current position) from said storing means and attaching the regional information to the electronic mail so as to place the claims in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

New claims 16, 18 and 21 have been added depending respectively from claims 1, 6 and 20 to recite the feature of the present invention whereby the device (terminal) comprises receiving means for receiving electronic mail with image

information attached thereto which is transmitted from another device, and displaying means for displaying the received electronic mail and the received image information with the received image information superimposed on a part of the received electronic mail, as supported by the disclosure in the specification at page 13, lines 5-11.

In addition, claim 20 has been added to recite the feature of the present invention whereby the regional information comprises image information corresponding to the current position based on the position information.

Still further, new claims 17, 19 and 22 have been added to recite the feature of the present invention whereby the image information comprises one of a scene image or a logo mark depending respectively from claims 16, 18 and 21.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 12, and new claims 16-22 be approved and entered.

CLAIM FEE

The application was originally filed with 15 claims of which 3 were independent. The application now contains 22 claims, of which 3 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$36.00 for the addition of 2 extra claims in total is attached hereto. In addition, authorization is hereby given to

charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-3, 5, 10 and 15 stand finally rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of USP 6,370,568 ("Garfinkle") and USP 6,535,243 ("Tullis"). Claims 6-8 and 11-13 stand finally rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the same combination of Garfinkle and Tullis. And claims 4, 9 and 14 stand finally rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Garfinkle, Tullis and previously cited USP 6,434,403 ("Ausems et al"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed.

On page 2 of the Advisory Action, the Examiner argues that the combination of Garfinkle and Tullis reads on the claim limitation "which discloses the image data attached with current position information being taken by hand-held digital camera (Tullis, col. 3, lines 26-30) and transmitting the electronic mail with the information thereto [sic] (see Garfinkle, col. 1, lines 34-39)."

According to the current invention as recited in clarified amended claims 1 and 6, the detecting means detects a current position of the communication device, the transmission means attaches image information corresponding to the current position

detected by the detecting means to the electronic mail and transmits the electronic mail with the image information attached thereto.

Claim 11 recites a communication terminal that comprises detecting means for detecting a current position of the communication device and transmission means for attaching position information indicating the current position detected by the detecting means to the electronic mail and transmitting the electronic mail with the position information attached thereto to the cell station. Claim 11 further recites a cell station which comprises means for attaching regional information corresponding to the current position based on the position information and for transmitting the electronic mail with the regional information attached thereto.

It is respectfully submitted that Tullis merely teaches storing data such as GPS data concerning camera position and camera orientation and using the stored data to enable the display of previously captured data having similar associate attributes. The camera position information in Tullis, however, are merely data parameters. Tullis does not disclose, teach or suggest the claimed feature of the present invention whereby the current position information is image information and not merely data parameters.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that Garfinkle merely discloses that an image 212, which is taken by a digital camera and processed by a postcard template, is transmitted with message 206. Garfinkle does not disclose, teach or suggest that the image corresponds to a detected current position.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that even if Garfinkle and Tullis were combinable in the manner suggested by the Examiner, the claimed distinguishing feature of the present invention whereby the current position of the communication device is detected and image information corresponding to the detected current position is attached to the electronic mail.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 6 and 11, and claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-22 depending therefrom, patentably distinguish over Tullis and Garfinkle, taken singly or in combination, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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